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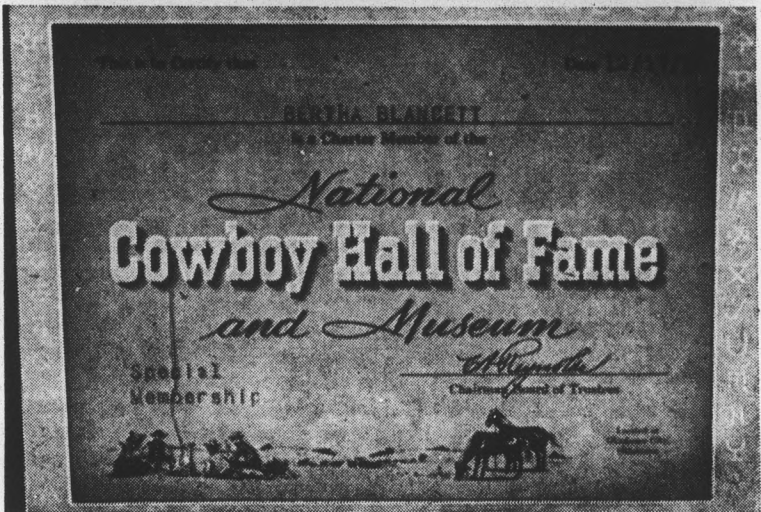
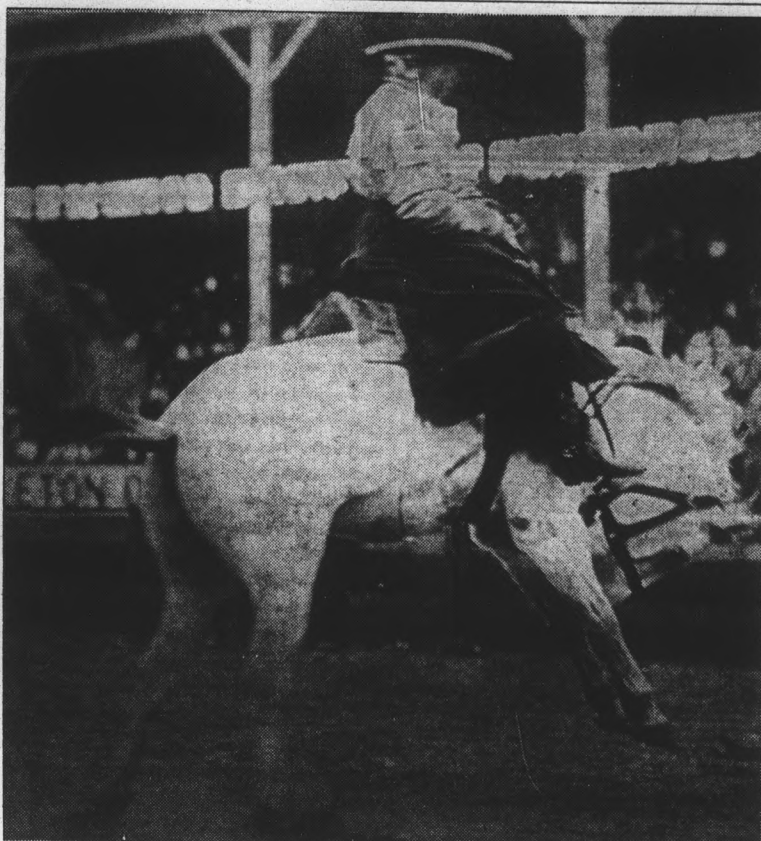
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BERTHA BLANCETT, upper left, perhaps the greatest woman rider of all time, will come out of retirement in Porterville to ride as grand marshal of the Porterville Roundup parade on May 2, at 10 a.m. Upper right photo shows Bertha topping off a mean bronc by the name of "Snake" in the 1914

Pendleton Roundup; lower left photo is of a group of hard-riding cowboys, taking time out from rodeoing to make movies for the old Bison company in Los Angeles, about 1910; from left are Milt Brown, Art Acord, Bertha Blancett and her late husband, Dell Blancett, world champion bulldogger



and roper. Lower right photo shows Bertha's certificate of special membership in the National Cowboy Hall of Fame. Bertha, in 1904, was the first woman to fork a bronc at the Cheyenne rodeo; in 1911 she was the first woman bronc rider to compete at the Pendleton Roundup; she traveled

across the nation with the Pawnee Bill show and the 101 Ranch show; for a period of more than 40 years she made headlines as "the world's greatest woman rider", as a ranger in Yosemite National park, and, finally, as a pickup rider for the bronc busters in the top west coast rodeos. (Farm Tribune photos)

## BERTHA BLANCETT, WORLD'S GREATEST RIDER, TO LEAD WESTERN PARADE THAT WILL OPEN PORTERVILLE ROUNDUP

### Was First Woman To Ride Bronc At Cheyenne And Pendleton

By Bill Rodgers

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23 — It was in Cheyenne, in 1904, that a teenage girl brought a screaming rodeo crowd to its feet as she topped a pitching, sunfishing bronc to start a career that extended over nearly a half century and brought her undisputed recognition as the greatest woman rider in the world.

This woman, Bertha Blancett, now 75 years of age, a member of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, and a resident of Porterville, will again step into the saddle to ride as grand marshal of the Porterville Roundup parade that will move down Porterville's Main street at 10 a.m., May 2.

And riding with her will be memories of the old west as it was in the days when working ranch hands came to Pendleton, Cheyenne, and the other frontier towns, to compete in the sport of the rodeo — and when women competed along side the men, on an equal basis.

Bertha Blancett — she was Bertha Kaepernik, the daughter of German parents who had migrated West when she made her famous ride at Cheyenne — became almost unbeatable, winning the women's bucking horse championship at the Pendleton Roundup in 1911, the first year that women

officially competed, then repeated in 1912 and 1914.

And when she came within 12 points of winning the all-around championship of the Pendleton Roundup in 1914, that was too close for the men. The rules were changed and women thereafter competed in separate classes.

For 42 years the name of Bertha Blancett was honored by rodeo fans throughout the nation as she rode the toughest bronses "slick", won world championships as a relay race rider, performed as a trick rider and roper, entertained with the Roman Ride, starred in the "flicker" movies of the 1910 era, then, in the late 1930s and early 1940s, at an age when most women (and men too) have donned felt slippers and retired to the rocking chair, made new headlines by appearing as pickup rider for the bronc busters in top rodeos of the West.

Through the 1920s Bertha was

a familiar figure in the rotogravure sections of the metropolitan daily newspapers when she worked as a ranger in Yosemite National park in the summer, and rode the Palm Springs range in the winter.

But perhaps her finest moment was that ride in 1904, when she became the first woman to fork a bucking bronc at Cheyenne. The Denver Post had this to say about that ride:

"She was given a horse that few of those present would have mounted in fun. He was a little roan brute, full of ginger, and when he was led into the arena, spectators had misgivings.

"Not so Miss Kaepernik. She mounted with grace, and then, for a few minutes, the dragged thousands stood on the benches and cheered themselves weak at the sight of a woman riding as none

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## Nearly 100 Prizes Will Be Given At Annual Sportsmen's Banquet Monday

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23 — Nearly 100 prizes, topped by a .308 deer rifle with scope, donated by oil company distributors in Porterville, will be given away at annual Fish and Game banquet sponsored by the Southern Tulare County Sportsmen's association Monday evening at the Rockwell Manufacturing company plant on the northwest edge of town.

Serving will start at 7 p.m. sharp, with George Cole, the old master himself, in charge of banquet preparation, and with Everett Havens in charge of serving. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Gardner head the table arrangement and decoration committee; Walt Sommers is in charge of facilities; Melvin Frasher, president of the Sportsmen's association, is in general charge, and will preside at the banquet.

Master of ceremonies for the evening will be Lester J. Hamilton; speaking briefly will be G.

W. (Phil the Forester) Philpott; music will be provided by Buck Shaffer and his Studio band.

Tickets for the banquet, which also represent a membership in the Sportsmen's association, are being sold throughout the community, with Frasher stating that indications are for a record crowd.

Hube Adlesbach, chairman of the prize committee, reports that merchants throughout the community, are donating prizes, and that by Monday evening, total number may run over 100.

## MOMENTUM PICKS UP FOR FAIR

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23 — With opening of the Porterville fair just a month away, directors are picking up momentum in preparation for the 12th annual presentation of the Porterville event, May 21, 22, and 23.

Livestock Superintendent F. R. Farnsworth reports that Future Farmer and 4-H project animals will hit a record figure this year, creating a space problem that is now being worked on.

And directors of the fair have authorized the placing of a new roof on the main exhibit building, a job that will be completed before the fair opens.

Premium books are off the press and available from Fair Secretary Rolla Bishop, at his home. All Future Farmer and 4-H club leaders are urged to obtain a copy of the book and study the 1959 rules

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## Goodin Trophy Set For Quarter Horse Show

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23 — The memory of Till Goodin, noted western artist, will be honored at the Porterville Fair's Quarter Horse show, May 22, when a memorial Till Goodin trophy will be presented to the attendant who does the best job of showing his horse.

Guido Lombardi, show chairman, states that the award is being set up in appreciation for Goodin's interest and work in connection with the show. Just one day prior to his death last year, he photographed the entire Porterville Fair Quarter Horse show.

A record number of Quarter Horse entries are coming in for the May 22 show, Lombardi states, with the show approved by the American Quarter Horse association

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## "War Paint" Tunes Up For Porterville Event

"Paint", the nation's No. 1 bucking horse that Christensen Brothers will bring to the Porterville Roundup May 2 and 3, went on the war path at Red Bluff last weekend, bucking off Jim Tescher, currently ranking seventh in all-around cowboy standings, and doing the same with Harley May, now ranked sixth for all-around cowboy honors.

Both May and War Paint will compete at the Porterville Roundup, and more fireworks can be expected from the great outlaw bronc.

Signing for the Roundup, along with May, will be Dale Smith, of Central, Arizona, national team roping champion in 1956 and 1957, and currently in 5th place in national all-around standing. He won the calf roping at Red Bluff last weekend.

Coming to Porterville also will be John Mitchell, winner of the

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### PHILOSOPHERS AND RELIGIOUS EXPERTS WILL SPEAK AND APPEAR ON PANELS AT CAFETERIA AND AUDITORIUM, FRIDAY

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23—Public interest is growing in the general education day program planned for Friday by Porterville college, in which top philosophy and religion experts of the Pacific coast will appear for talks and panel discussions.

The sessions will be held from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the high school cafeteria, and from 1 until 3 p.m. in the Memorial auditorium. O. H. Shires, college director, said the public is invited without charge.

Dr. William P. Nietman, professor of philosophy at the College of the Pacific and director for the past 12 years of the school's popular summer courses in philosophy, will open the morning session with remarks on "As An Outsider, What Do You Think of the Human Race?"

He will be joined in a panel discussion of the problem of developing personal values for space age living by Dr. Clarence P. Shedd, professor of religion in higher education at the Pacific School of Religion; Dr. Ronald Santori, assistant philosophy professor at COP; and Louise Stoltenberg, research associate at the Pacific School.

During the afternoon session, the motion picture, "Lady From Philadelphia", is scheduled. It tells the story of Marian Anderson, world-famous singer. A summary of the day's thinking will be presented by the panel, after which

both students and visitors will be asked to evaluate the program on a simple rating form.

The day's program has been arranged by the general education committee at the college, of which John Hinton is chairman. The college plans annual programs in other fields in which top experts may be brought to the community to share their thinking, Hinton said.

### Rozzoni In Town Tuesday

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23—The president of the California Farm Bureau Federation, Louis Rozzoni, will speak in Porterville next Tuesday evening at a meeting of the Porterville Farm Bureau Center. The dinner meeting is set for 7 p.m.; at Gang Sue's, with a chicken dinner to be served.

### VOTERS TURN DOWN LOAN

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23—Voters in the Porterville Irrigation district, Tuesday, voted down a proposed federal loan to finance construction of a water distribution system by a vote of 170-43. Directors of the district will canvass the vote next Monday evening at the district office; next regular meeting of the board is May 5.

### Bertha Blancett

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had conceived a woman could ride.

"Pitch, buck, sunfish, and slide back and forth and up and down; one moment on his knees and the next in the air, staggering and skating in the treacherous mud, the roan exercised every trick known to his wicked mind in frantic efforts to unseat his rider who all the while sat straight in her saddle, and relentlessly spurred his heaving sides, who threw leather with a vicious force, and slapped with her hat in his eyes.

"In the smother of mud and water they crossed the field, and then the horse gave up, his subjugation complete, while the rider sprang to the ground, without a glance at the howling mob, mounted another horse and rode from the field.

"Never before did such cheering occur on a frontier field."

Those cheers followed Bertha through her entire professional life — but with them came sorrow also.

For her husband, Dell Blancett, a world champion bulldogger and "a marvel with a rope", was the first Pendleton man to be killed in action in World War I.

He had helped form the Cowboy Cavalry Troop at Pendleton, but, unable to pass the physical examination for the U.S. army, he enlisted in the Canadian cavalry. In England, he was assigned to the crack Lord Strathmore Horse, the unit with which he was serving when killed by a German sniper. To honor him, name of the street leading to the grounds of the Pendleton Roundup was changed to Blancett street.

Bertha competed for the last time at Pendleton in 1918; she returned in 1921 as a guest of the Roundup committee, and, with Yakima Canutt, led a cowboys' and cowgirls' quadrille at Happy canyon. As the Pendleton paper reported, "Mrs. Blancett wore on her sleeve a gold star for her hus-

band . . . and Yakima wore the blue of the United States Navy."

In the "golden days" of her career, Bertha travelled throughout the United States with the Pawnee Bill show and the 101 Ranch show, and, in 1912 spent nine months in Australia with the Athinson show.

She had her fling at the Hollywood movies in the early days of that industry, being under contract to the old Bison company of Los Angeles, then working for other picture producers.

She played the mother of Bebe Daniels (remember her?) in one picture, coming up with a real thriller when she rescued her film daughter by roping a runaway horse; and in one of the early-day spectaculars, she drove a chariot in the film, "Amazon."

"I was more scared of a camera than anything else in the world," Bertha says, and, perhaps, that's why she stayed with the safe and simple business of riding wild-eyed broncs in the rodeo arena.

She worked also with Tom Mix, who she knew before he reached movie stardom, and an old friend was Hoot Gibson, who Bertha knew well when he was riding to fame as world champion cowboy.

And if there are those rodeo fans who believe that the famous outlaw bronc, Steamboat, was never ridden, get straight, pardner, for Bertha was there when Art Acord turned the trick at Sacramento, and she has the press clipping to prove it. And she says that the great bronc was also ridden at Cheyenne by Dick Stanley.

In fact, Stanley wanted to bet hard cash with all and sundry that Bertha could ride Steamboat. But Bertha didn't go along on that.

"I knew when I was well off," she says. "I'd been bucked off too many times before."

As a rodeo rider, Bertha did virtually everything. She thrilled the crowds with her bronc riding; she entertained with exhibitions of trick and fancy riding, and trick roping; she hazed steers for the bulldoggers; she won world championships as a relay rider.

"We did everything in those days," Bertha says. "We had to to earn our money."

Bertha was unbeatable in the relay races, when women had to change saddles as well as horses. In fact she won at Pendleton for three years in succession, after

which the rules were modified so that women relay riders changed only horses, not saddles, to give other competitors a chance.

How about modern rodeo riders compared to the riders of a half century ago?

Bertha says that a comparison just can't be made, for in the old days most rodeo competitors were ranchers, or ranch hands. They competed more for sport, without the incentive of today's big money. Their rules were different — for example, a bronc was tied down in the middle of the arena while he was being saddled, then the cowboy rode him to a standstill, or got thrown. Rodeo is a different world today, Bertha believes.

But as for trick riders, well that's something else again.

"They're still doing the same things I did back in 1910," Bertha says. "I don't know why they don't figure out something different and new."

Bertha was born in Cleveland, Ohio; her father, William Kaepert, born in Germany, brought his family to Colorado when Bertha was four years old, and from then on she spent most of her time on a horse. Following her marriage in 1909, she and her husband were hailed across the nation as champion rodeo competitors until his death.

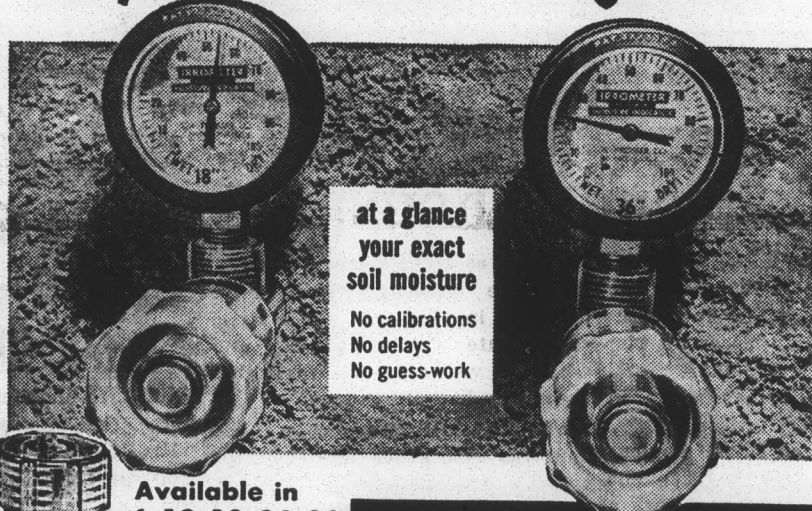
For eight years in the 1920s, Bertha rode as a ranger in Yosemite National park. Included among her "guests" was a young army colonel, Dwight D. Eisenhower, who, after watching her straighten out a tourist horse on a rocky, back-country trail, paid her the compliment of saying that he had never seen anyone ride as she did.

And press wires, in the early 20s, carried this story, dated, Yosemite: "While high government officials waited at the forestry headquarters to welcome him, General Joseph Henri Gouraud, French War hero, ordered his car stopped in a meadow a mile away, in order that he could watch Bertha Blancett, cowgirl from (Continued On Page 10)

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ground is usually the end of the fishing privilege and rightly so. Bringing uninvited friends the second visit is another good way to wear out a welcome quick.

Farm ponds need to be fished extensively to prevent the prolific warm water fish from becoming overpopulated and stunted.

This year, being an exceptionally dry one, will find many of the farm ponds too low, warm and moss covered to fish by early summer so it's wise to make fishing fun while the sunshine evaporates the water.

Unusually dry weather is a break for the angling fraternity interested in high elevation wild trout fishing as it appears most of the back country will be open and just about all of the pack stations are planning to be in operation with our suggestion that fishermen make phone or mail reservations early.

Considerable Fresno and Madera county high elevation trout habitat work was accomplished last fall that should pay off in better fishing this season.

To provide more natural trout spawning streams, barriers were removed from inlet or outlet streams to Beryl, Brewster, Coyote, Strawberry, Tocher, Beetlebug and Wilbur Mae lakes, all at about 9,000 feet elevation in Fresno county.

The Marshall lakes, a series of small lakelets, were treated with rotenone to remove a small population of brook trout and reserve the waters for golden trout. The area includes Rose Lake and Marie lake of the upper Bear creek drainage.

Chiquito lake, Madera county, was chemically treated to remove a heavy growth of pond weeds and sedges.

Upper Cora lake, Madera county, was found to be completely dinged by waterlilies and impossible to fish from shore. Six acres of lilies were treated with brush killer.

At Lou Beverly lake, Fresno county, two acres of sedges were treated to increase angling access to this six acre lake that has an abundance of small golden trout.



## CHAPEL CHIMES

By  
Rev. N. J.  
Thompson

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Joy Davidson, noted New York atheist Communist, heartbroken by

her husband's nervous collapse, found herself on her knees. She writes, "Oh, how can one explain finding God? Can one scoop up the sea in a teacup? There was a Person in the room with me. My awareness of God brought fear, but also ecstasy, repentance, and rebirth. This was the realist thing that had ever happened to me! And in a gentler, less overwhelming form, it has kept right on happening."

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# Let'er Buck

By CASEY TIBBS



OAKDALE, Calif.—Bert France, Las Vegas, Nev., got the wind blowin' his way at Oakdale and won the All-Around title at the California rodeo.

Bert placed third on his bareback horse; then rode the famous

"War Paint", marked 185 on him and walked off with the saddle bronc honors.

It was a fine ride and "War Paint" looked good . . . but, I figure he'll be a lot more fit by the time the Orange Belt Saddle Club Rodeo comes off next month in Porterville, California.

Other winners at Oakdale were: Bareback Riding: John Hawkins, Twain Harte, Calif., \$437.60 on one head.

Calf Roping: Leonard Block, Denair, Calif., with 28.7 on two head.

Steer Wrestling: Don McBride, with 16.7 seconds total on two head.

Bull Riding: Arnold Hill, with \$567.60 on one head.

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They come at you four abreast on a two-lane highway in that country . . . each man tryin' to be the one that gets to Reno first to lose his week's wages.

Reminds me of the Northwest cowboy who used to tell me the only time he felt safe goin' from one rodeo to another was after he got in the arena.

"Heck," he'd say, "you can at least GUESS at what that ol' bull's gonna do!"

A long trip like that always makes me wish I'd flown. Then I get to thinkin' about the times we've cracked up, or been forced down, in those charter jobs and I feel pretty lucky with my bride and a brand new station wagon.

Never will forget one time when Jim Like of Kim, Colo., was flying with us.

We got lost in a storm and run outa gas . . . had to set her down on the highway just outside a little town in Idaho.

The Sheriff came out and made us a quite a speech. He clucked around like a hen with a feather outa place and finally said:

"I don't know what I'm gonna do with you boys . . ."

"I don't care what you do with ME," Jim told him, "just so long as you don't put me back in that airplane!"

It was real good bein' back in South Dakota for a few days. No matter where I go, the Black Hills always look the best to me.

Saw my old friend, Shirley Hussey, up home this time and we had quite a visit ridin' bucking horses armchair-style at the Sturgis Livestock Exchange.

Hussey was a tough bronc rider in his day . . . 'til he quit the suicide circuit and went in the trucking business . . .

One thing we agreed on was that bucking horses are born — not made. Sure, some get better . . . but the good ones are there when they dry off.

Hussey also claims bucking horses can be picked by conformation the same as any other horse. He should know . . . he was the bucking horse foreman for the late Leo J. Creamer.

Every year Leo would send Hussey to Canada to look for bucking horses and he never failed to bring back a bunch of rank ones.

Canada's the place, you know, where they raise a lot of wild horses . . . those Canucks don't go in much for fancy breedin' . . .

The Casey Tibbs column is presented by the Orange Belt Saddle club, producers of the Porterville Roundup.

Cutting of celery in the Delta area is increasing.



# OLD DAYS

## DECEMBER, 1900

VISALIA — Tulare county is attracting more attention just now from homesteaders than ever before in the history of the county.

TULARE — For best display of citrus fruit at the 24th district agricultural fair, first premium went to Lindsay; second to Porterville and third to Fresno. First for best display of oranges, all varieties, by one grower went to C. Talbot, of Globe. First place for best display of a variety of citrus fruits, including oranges, lemons and limes, went to Porterville. Best exhibit of pomegranates went to Porterville. Best variety of apples award went to George Dillon, of Springville, for Ben Davis and Arkansas Black varieties.

SPRINGVILLE — G. W. Duncan is over from San Jose seeing his orange crop. He has 600 boxes.

## RICHFIELD OIL CO.

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FRESNO, Apr. 23 — Everett E. Horn has been named fish and wildlife administrator for the Richfield Oil corporation to guide company activity in the field of conservation in connection with company work and activities, advising the company on field operations in areas where fish and game are involved.

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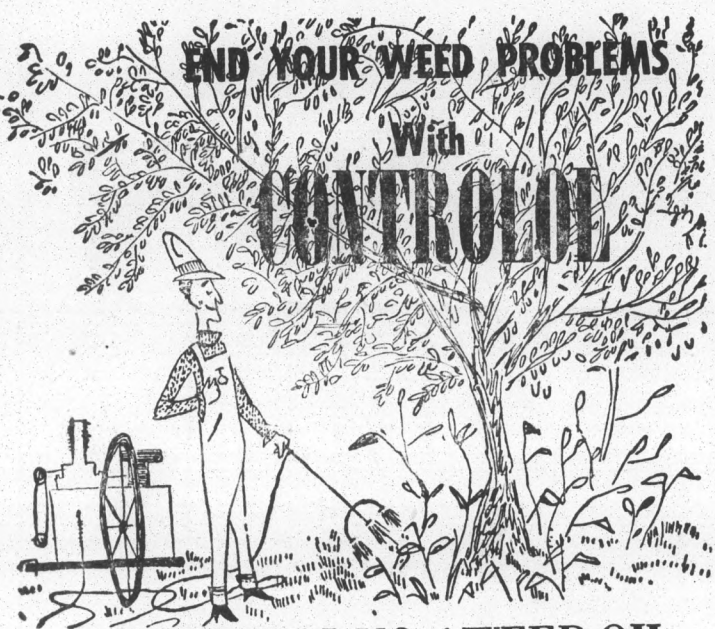


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WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT:



Note to readers: Thanks for all the nice letters. As many questions as possible will be answered in this column, but for obvious reasons replies must be brief.

Q. "Is it unusual for menstruation to be delayed many months after a miscarriage? Will the cycle return to normal without treatment? What does D & C mean?"—A Minn. reader.

A. A considerable delay in re-establishing the cycle after miscarriage or full-term delivery is not unusual. Special treatment is not often required. "D and C" refers to dilatation and curettage (pronounced cure-i-tahzh'). This procedure consists of widening the cervical opening just enough to permit the scraping or cleansing of the inner cavity of the organ. D and C is performed for various reasons and under various circumstances.

Q. My skin breaks out every time I wear nylon stockings or other pieces of clothing containing nylon. Is there any way to overcome this other than by avoiding nylon clothing?

A. No. So far as is known, there is no really effective way to desensitize against nylon. Just avoid nylon clothing.

Q. "Will you please tell me what causes strep throat followed by Bell's palsy?"—Mrs. C.

A. "Strep" is short for streptococcus, a germ which causes infections in various parts of the body, the throat included. Bell's palsy, in which the muscles of one side of the face are partially paralyzed due to involvement of the facial nerve, can follow infections but the true cause of the condition is very often unknown. The paralysis of Bell's palsy usually starts to clear up within one to several months.

Q. "This may sound like a silly question but it doesn't feel funny. I am 21 and for several months I have had a tickle in my throat that makes me cough. I also sneeze a lot. What do you suggest?"—Miss T.

A. The only suggestion is to see a physician and let him find out what's wrong. Constant throat tickle with cough might be due to any number of things, from nose or throat irritation to an elongated uvula (the little finger-like projection that hangs from the soft palate).

Questions directed to Science Editors, P.O. Box 396, Madison Sq. Sta., N. Y. 10, N. Y. will be incorporated in these columns when possible.

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## Sulfur Treatment Outlined For Grape Mildew Control

By Frederick L. Jensen  
Farm Advisor

VISALIA, Apr. 23 — Apply the first sulfur dusting for grape mildew control when the shoots average six inches in length. Repeat when the shoots are 12 to 15 inches long. Apply regardless of temperature and repeat after rains.

Sulfur dust prevents mildew from becoming established. A germinating spore will be killed if touched by a sulfur particle, irrespective of temperature. Spores of mildew will germinate and infect grapes at temperatures as low as 45° F. So far as is known, the effect of sulfur on mildew is simply due to the contact action of a particle of elemental sulfur.

After the first two dustings, continue the program with sulfur applications each 10 to 14 days. On table grapes keep dusting until harvest. Since new mildew colonies cannot become established after the berries reach a sugar content of about 8° balling, dusting on wine or raisin grapes is usually suspended when the grapes begin to ripen. Established colonies continue to grow on ripe fruit.

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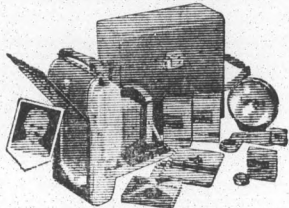
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## YOUR LEGISLATOR AT WORK!



Senator  
J. Howard Williams  
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California State Legislature

Now that the half-way mark in the current session has been passed it is possible to weigh a little bit more exactly the real effect of the changes in our operations approved by the voters last November. In many quarters, it is still a matter for debates as to whether the changes made by Proposition 9 did improve our legislative procedures at all.

A comparison of a few fundamental figures between the 1957 session, last under the old law, and the present 1959 Legislature seems to indicate that efficiency has been improved by the change. The difference is graphically illustrated by the comparative figures for one basic factor, the number of bills introduced. In 1957, almost 6,800 bills were introduced during the first month alone. This year, less than 2,800 were put in the hopper during the first half of our session, or roughly three months.

This sizeable reduction in the number of bills we must handle has enabled us to make a considerable improvement in production (if I may be pardoned for using that word in connection with legislation). At the half-way mark in 1957, only one third of the bills had even been heard in committee; less than 10 percent had been passed by even one house. This year, more than two-thirds of the bills eligible for hearing have been considered by committees in the house of origin; more than 25 percent have passed the first house.

There are those, of course, who maintain that figures alone are not true indicators of our legislative progress. They allege that many bills are being forced through too hurriedly, without adequate consideration of all the

interests involved. At least a partial answer to this contention is the record of numerous hearings and amendments on many bills, as well as the sharp fights on the floors of the two houses when they come up for final consideration. Another part of the answer lies in the fact that the present system allows enough time for more careful drafting of bills.

Major bills in some important fields such as labor legislation, consumer protection, and taxation are making considerable progress through our legislative machinery. Others in these same fields are encountering more difficulties, however, and some may emerge in quite different shape than that in which introduced.

The budget bill is not expected to come out of committee hearing until sometime in May. Subcommittees of both the Senate and Assembly groups to which this bill was referred are still reviewing its details, and their recommendations must be submitted to the full committees before the bill can be reported to the floor of either house.

One legislative field in which

positive action may not occur for some time is water development. Committees are constantly at work on the various bills and constitutional amendments relating to it, but new elements are constantly coming to the surface in their work. Recently an Assembly subcommittee reported that nuclear powered salt-water conversion plants may be the most feasible

answer to the water shortage problem of our southern counties.

Bills may legally be introduced until the end of the session in June, but under the new law the last date will enable action under the 30 day rule will be around May 15. The next couple of weeks therefore will probably see the last of new bills.

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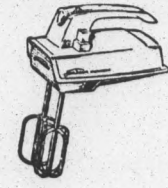
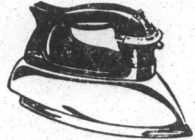
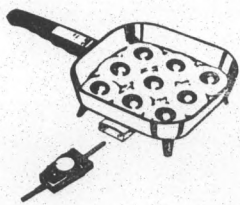
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## Chamber Favors Freeway System

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23 — Porterville chamber of commerce is on record by resolution favoring a proposed California highway plan worked out by the State Department of Public Works, known as "The California Freeway System."

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In The Village Shopping Center

## Exchange Club Gets New Members

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23—Four new members have been taken into the Porterville Exchange club — Harrison Smith, Don Charles, Dave Bannister and Don Crowder. The new club, with Ted Ensslin as temporary chairman and Monte Hodgson as secretary, meets Thursday noons at Gang Sue's; it is expected that a charter will be granted the club within a month or so.

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## News Of The SPRINGVILLE COMMUNITY

By WINNIE GAGE

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Linn of Orlando, Florida, have been visiting his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Haigh.

Mrs. Lucille Herbert and Mrs. Winnie Gage attended the Hobby Show in Los Angeles last Saturday. Mrs. Herbert visited her son, Phillip, and family in Long Beach and attended a parade on Sunday with a Navy group. He joined the Navy in February. Mrs. Gage visited relatives in Fullerton and Midway City before returning

home.

Springville's Annual Homecoming will be held Sunday, April 26, in Memorial building. The Chamber of Commerce will provide meat, coffee, beans and bread. Bring your plate service and salad.

The Springville Hobby Club met last Friday on the lawn of Lora Gage's home. After a short business meeting, the hats were voted on, and Mrs. Juanita Radeleff won first, Winnie Gage, Lora Gage and Goldie Haggard were also winners. Pictures were taken of the group and then refreshments of jello, cupcakes, iced tea and lemonade were served to the ones already mentioned and Gwen Myrick, Mary Lunsford and Emma McCutcheon of Porterville, Ann Board, Nell Southworth and Lucille Higgins. The next meeting will be in the home of Lucille and will be annual birthday potluck supper.

The Springville 4-H Club held its regular monthly meeting recently at the Veteran's Memorial

Hall. The meeting was conducted by the president, Andrew Moore. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Barbara Corzine, and Cynthia Choate led the 4-H pledge. Jerry Gould reported on the 4-H booth at the recent Springville rodeo, and Barbara Corzine reported that the float entered in the parade had won second prize. Delores Witt reported that there would be another skating party on Thursday night, April 23, and that Springville had invited Burton to be their guests. Andrew Moore reported that the Hi-4-H camp this summer would be held for just a weekend, but that if it was a success, they would have another weekend.

It had been previously decided that, as a community project, a sign would be placed at the entrance to Springville with the words, "Springville 4-H Club Welcomes You." Several sample signs were submitted, and Dick Gould's was judged the winning sign.

The president then presented Eddie Bradley of Columbine 4-H Club, state winner in home furnishings, who showed some interesting slides of his trip to the 4-H Congress in Chicago. At the Livestock Show he saw the Grand Champion steer which sold for \$22,000.

Project reports were given by Judy Griswold, Duane Lantsberger, Steven Moore and Gwennie Root. Demonstrations were given by Mary Choate and Carolyn Green, and Margaret and Barbara Brand. After the meeting, refreshments were served by Carolyn Green, Gwennie Root, Maurine McDonald and Sandra Fletming.

## COUNTY IS FREE OF RABIES

VISALIA, Apr. 23—Tular county has been free of rabies for the past year in both humans and animals, the county health department reports.

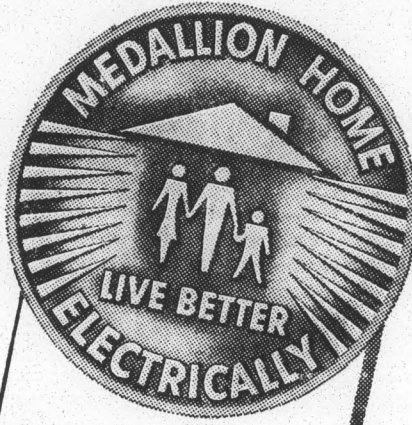
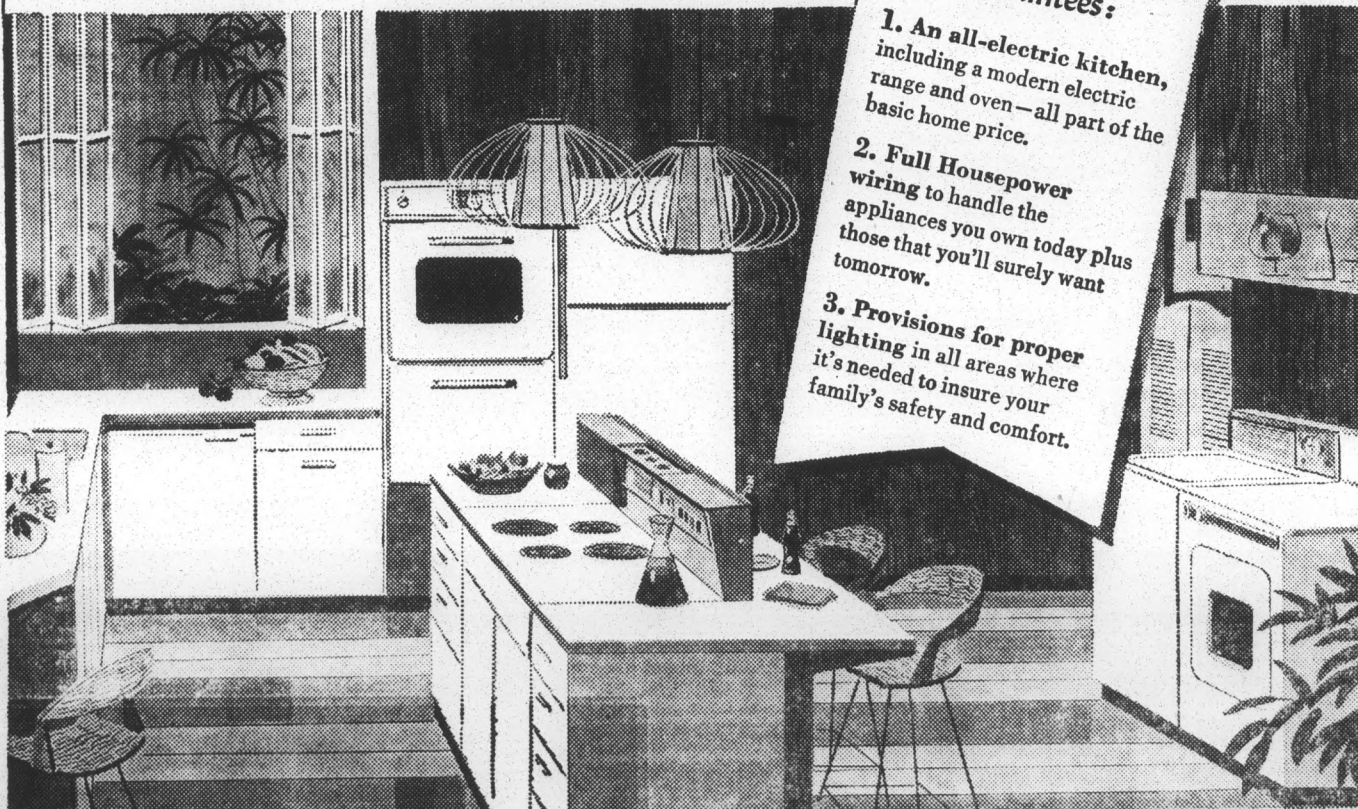
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# Spacing Of Cotton Plants To Get Maximum Yield Depends On The Field Conditions Says Farm Advisor

By Alan G. George  
Farm Advisor

VISALIA, Apr. 23 — In producing high cotton yields for best machine picking efficiency, it is important to maintain a relatively high population per acre. Results of cotton plant population studies have shown that cotton plant spacing is not too critical with respect to yield within certain limits.

For most soils, the average spacing of plants from 2½ to 8 inches will give near maximum yields. This would be a range of 20,000 (8") to 60,000 (2½") plants per acre. Under normal fertility conditions 40,000 to 50,000 plants per acre is about optimum for best production and mechanical picking efficiency.

This is a plant on an average of 3 to 4 inches apart. Though cotton yields may not be affected within certain plant population limits, there is a relationship between spacing, plant growth characteristics, and machine picking efficiency, according to George.

Some of the possible advantages of closer spacing are: increased machine picking efficiency; decreased late season weed growth; and increased yields when Verticillium Wilt is a problem.

Higher plant populations reduce the length of lateral branching, particularly in the lower part of the plant, which makes it easier to machine pick. Closer spaced plants also cause the first fruiting node to be higher on the stalk from the ground which also gives higher picking efficiency. Small stalks produced by closer spaced plants are easier to dispose of after harvest.

A higher plant population may also decrease late season weed growth because of a greater shading from the foliage and maintain higher yields where wilt is a problem because a larger number of plants escape the infection.

The best spacing for individual growers depends on the size of plants which the field produces. The distance between plants should be in direct proportion to the fertility of the soil. Where plant height is not expected to exceed 5 feet, an average of 4 inches or less between plants is near optimum for yield and picking efficiency.

ciency.

Where growth generally is tall and rank, there is a tendency for heavily fruited plants to lodge. If plant height is expected to be greater than 5 feet, 5 to 6 inches or more between plants may reduce lodging.

Growers may easily estimate their plant population by making stand counts in several locations in the field. Strips of 13 ft. 1 in. on 40-inch row spacing or 13 ft. 9 in. on 38-inch row spacing are equal to 1/1000 of an acre. By counting plants within this length and multiplying by 1,000, a grower can determine the plant population.

## NITROGEN ON CITRUS BEFORE MIDDLE OF JULY

VISALIA, Apr. 23 — Orange trees requiring nitrogen fertilization should receive an application before the middle of July, warns Tulare County Farm Advisor Karl Opitz. Not more than one pound of actual nitrogen needs to be added at this time.

Over-fertilization with concentrated nitrogenous fertilizers retards fruit maturity and contributes to rind breakdown. Most organic sources are low enough in available nitrogen that delay in maturity does not occur. However, excessive use of barnyard on heavy soils will cause fruit puffing and greening of Valencia.

Contrary to a wide-spread belief, additional amounts of any of the various concentrated inorganic fertilizers currently used will not improve fruit sizes. Bulky, organic fertilizers and calcium nitrate improve water absorption by the soil which in turn makes possible better water use by the trees.

It is the water in the fruit that increases its size. Nitrogen has no direct effect on fruit sizes. On the other hand, trees must have adequate nitrogen for growth and crop setting. Thus, the full effect of nitrogen applied to the soil of bearing trees is not generally felt until the season following application.

## FARM CENSUS WILL BE MADE DURING FALL

VISALIA, Apr. 23 — The 17th Farm Census will start this fall. Sheldon N. Jackson, farm advisor and county director of extension, reports that the bureau of census expects to begin this tally as early as October in some areas.

The census questions will call for three kinds of information. The first deals with farm resources — farms, area of farms, and acres of cropland.

The second type of information requested by the census will be a record of farm products produced and sold in 1959. Questions such as, "How much milk was sold?" "How many acres of corn were harvested?" will be asked.

Third type of information sought will relate to selected farming activities this year. How many days did the farmer work off his farm? How much fertilizer was used this year? A few simple records kept by farmers will help in the census taking, Jackson states.

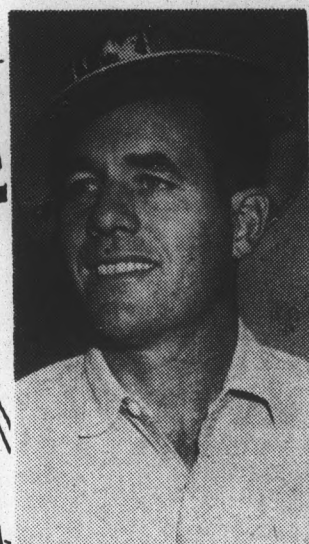
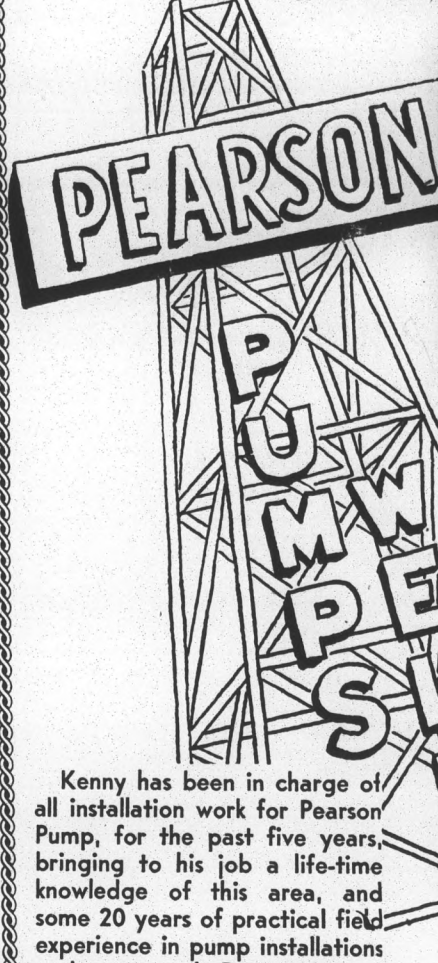
## INDUSTRIAL CLASSES ARE ADVOCATED

DELANO, Apr. 23 — Need for industrial arts courses in schools was stressed by Dr. Robert L. Woodward, consultant in industrial arts education for the state department of education at a meeting in Delano recently.

## LESLIE TO TAFT BANK

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23 — C. A. Leslie took over this week in a new job at Taft, being transferred by the Bank of America from Porterville. He will head up the bank's Time Plan lending office at Taft.

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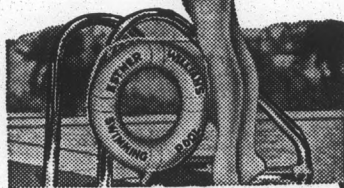
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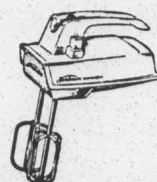
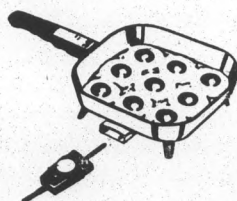
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A Tuesday Bonus representative will call at the home of a winning contestant, or phone, the evening of each Tuesday Bonus day, between the hours of 6 and 7 and will award a \$5 prize. If the contestant is not at home, he may call at The Farm Tribune office and receive his \$5 award.

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The address and telephone number listed on the winning entry will be the sole means of locating the winner to determine eligibility for bonus award. Contestants may notify The Farm Tribune of any change.

Entries will be judged principally on the basis of their sincerity and quality of thought. All entries become the property of Tuesday Bonus merchants and the decision of the judges is final.

Employees of The Farm Tribune and their immediate families are not eligible to enter the contest. Owners and employees of Tuesday Bonus Stores can win the additional awards only on sales slips from stores other than that with which they are connected.

## OUR TOWN

By Gardner (Bud) Wheeler

THE BIRDS ARE ALL leaving our town. This is a proposition of very grave concern for all bird lovers and cats, but the explanation is simple. Baseball has taken the town by storm, and there are so many balls flying about the sky that no self-respecting bird can flit around without getting gunshy.

OVER IN THE MULTI-LIGHT-ED ball park, Babe Ruthers and Little Leaguers are showing their talents to all and sundry, as they try-out for various teams. Parents lurk about the premises and toss out bits of wisdom to the young big leaguers on how to comport themselves, and every young athlete feels secretly sure that he has the makings of another Babe Ruth. All this interest has had a profound affect on junior's wardrobe. Moth-eaten baseball caps of dubious fits abound these days, and anyone caught with his baseball glove off is simply hopelessly out of fashion.

A YEAR OR SO AGO there was big furor over on the corner of Morton and Henrahan, as the Little League directors took matters in their own hands and started to construct a Little League Park. Well, a great deal of dirt flew this way and that, both from the bulldozers that were doing the business, and from those who had strong feelings about whether or not a ball diamond should be built on what had hitherto been a weed

## TRACTOR FIELD DAY SATURDAY

VISALIA, Apr. 23 — Field day for county 4-H members with tractor projects will be held Saturday, at the Sequoia Cooperative Gin, on Lover's Lane, three miles south of Highway 198, starting at 9:30 a.m. Southeastern Tulare county leaders assisting will be Joe Crabtree, Burton; Harold Weisenberger, Success Valley, and Roy Nesbit, Terra Bella.

## Black Light Artists At Youth For Christ

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23 — This week Porterville Youth for Christ will be featuring Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Zwall. Rev. Zwall is a black light artist and well known speaker. Together the Zwalls put on a program that is entertaining as well as inspiring, and the entire evening will be teen-slanted. The meeting will be held in the Porterville First Church of the Nazarene, Walnut and C, on Saturday, April 25, and will begin at 7:45 p.m.

and beer-can (empty) strewn vacant lot.

THE BUILDERS PREVAILED, and we can report that they have done a very neat job, indeed. A miniature diamond has been laid out in orderly fashion, complete with neatly painted outfield fences. Turf has been planted and by diligent watering, gives every indication of being a colorful addition to the scenery hereabouts... This has been no miracle, but the result of a great deal of labor by many, many people. We congratulate the Little Leaguers on their efforts. They wanted something, and instead of sitting back and crying for it, they went out and built it.

## CALIFORNIA SPEAKS

Significant Statements by Interesting Californians

DR. AUGUSTUS B. KINZEL, N. Y., research engineer, at California convention — "It's easy to turn out technicians. The problem is to turn out people with original thought."

NEAL A. ARMSTRONG, space test pilot, Edwards Air Force Base — "Man is more flexible, more adjustable and can assimilate more information under hostile conditions than any machine yet devised."

MRS. LUCY ROW, ranger's wife, on life atop Mt. Diablo — "Snow, loneliness, darkness, howling wind and cold I can take. Touring high school boys and their showoff roughhousing... they scare me!"

DR. T. ERIC REYNOLDS, Oakland, Pres. Cal. Medical Assn. — "Doctors must recognize changing social concepts, but must fight any system that turns them into technicians who work on disease by order, instead of human beings by choice."

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 14540  
Superior Court of the State of California  
For the County of Tulare  
Estate of CLARE PIERCE, also known as Clara Pierce and Clara S. Pierce, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 East Mill Street, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within six months after the first publication of this notice.  
Dated March 24, 1959.

WILLIAM L. DAVIES  
Executor of the Will of the above named decedent

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## Open House Dates, Special Events Planned By Porterville Area Schools As Part Of National Schools Week

By Robert S. Serbian

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23 — Open house dates and special activities featuring pupils' work have been set for schools in the Porterville area during Public Schools week, April 27 to May 2.

"Keep faith with our country — Know and support the Public Schools", is the theme of this Fortieth Annual Public Schools week sponsored throughout the state by the Masonic lodges. Activities have been planned in nearly all schools in the Porterville area which will encourage every citizen and parent to take an active interest in the work of the schools and to support our free system of public education.

To encourage visitation by parent and citizens, Pleasant View, Springville, and Terra Bella Elementary schools will hold Open House all week. Visitors are invited to drop into the schools and visit the classrooms while school is in session.

Woodville Elementary school has planned an evening program for Tuesday, April 28. They are presenting an operetta and special instrumental numbers by the school's band. A group of baton twirlers will entertain.

Open House at Rockford school will be on Wednesday, April 29. Classrooms will be open from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. with pupil work on display. At 8:30, the school band in new uniforms will offer a preview of the numbers planned for the Porterville Round-Up parade. A friendship hour will follow with teachers serving refreshments.

Two schools have planned special activities for Thursday, April 30. Alta Vista will have open house all day with a special program to follow from 7:30 to 9:30 in the evening.

This will feature music by the combined chorus and orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Tina Trout and C. L. Coddington. Classrooms will be open to the public and refreshments will be served by the P.T.A.

The special program on Thursday evening at Terra Bella will feature selections by the band, boys' chorus and girls' chorus. There will be a demonstration of materials and methods used in speech correction by Dean Smith, teacher. The "Controlled Reader" pilot program being used this semester in the Terra Bella school will be presented.

Burton, Springville, and Pleasant View schools have special programs planned for Friday, May 1. Open House at Burton is scheduled from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Children's work will be on display in the classrooms. At 8:00 o'clock there will be a concert by the school's orchestra directed by C. L. Coddington. Refreshments will be served.

The public is invited to a program featuring school talent at Springville Elementary school at 2:00 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Friday evening at Pleasant View school, the students will present a school play, and there will be music by the school band, directed by H. G. Aanestad.

Activities of the Porterville High School and College district will cover a wider calendar period than Public Schools week, but are geared to the observance of educational activities associated with the week.

On April 23-24, Porterville High school will participate in the County Science Fair at Porterville college. On April 24, there will be a vocal music concert. On April 27, the Annual Cadet inspection will be held in the morning; the public is invited to the Esther Bradley lecture series, "Hushed Up Handicaps to a Happy Marriage" in the evening. On April 30, the Bartlett band will present a program in the High School auditorium.

Open House will be held at Porterville college from 6:30 to 10 p.m. on Thursday, April 23. The Tulare County Science Fair will be held for two days, April 23-24. April 24 will also feature a General Education day with programs scheduled from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. A fashion show is scheduled for April 30.

## We Only Heard

By BILL RODGERS

WOW! OUR first regular Porterville City Council meeting — 20 items on the agenda, nearly half of them controversial; final adjournment at 11:30 p.m. . . . But the issues were on the table, everyone spoke their mind, and everyone voted their mind. That, we think, is good.

AS WE have stated before, free discussion in open meeting is a most basic item of representative government. At the city level, this representative government is personified by five elected councilmen. We hope that the present Porterville city council continues to function as it did Tuesday night — discussion, questions, vote . . . With councilmen voting not "by pattern" but by their individual thought on each issue.

HISTORICAL ITEM of the week — Porterville postoffice moves into its 100th year, starting as Tule River Station . . . And Porterville itself will observe its centennial in 1962, which means it's about time somebody got to thinking about a real Centennial celebration, possibly marking the entire year in some manner to bring recognition to the community.

SPRING — ALWAYS the season of confusion — interesting and entertaining confusion. Springville did it again with a most successful rodeo (the Gill arena setting was beautiful, even with the exceptionally dry year); the Sportsmen's banquet is coming up Monday night, and that's always a big one; the cowboys are beginning to whoop it up for the Porterville Roundup, May 2 and 3; and Porterville Fair directors are scurrying around as is usual at this time of year; then Sunday we again prove that we are slaves to the mechanical age by going onto daylight saving; comments here and there concern the annual PAPA Moonlight Flight, the big, early summer event; and trout season will open in 10 days with mid-summer conditions; then there will be a graduation or two, with the usual flourishes and rushing. . . . As we say, spring madness is upon us . . . But it's sort of fun, isn't it?

## GUIDE DOGS BACK TO SCHOOL

VISALIA, Apr. 23 — Evelyn Drew, Wilson 4-H, and Fred Lawless, Muy Bonita 4-H, have returned their guide dog puppies to the Guide Dog School for the Blind for final training, after raising them as a project.

## Summer Pruning To Control Olive Knot Disease

By Karl W. Opitz  
Farm Advisor

VISALIA, Apr. 23 — Summer pruning of olive trees in conjunction with winter spraying with copper controls the olive knot disease. Pruning knot infested groves in the winter helps spread the bacteria causing olive knot.

During the first years of a knot control program, badly diseased trees should receive just enough pruning to rid the trees of dead and diseased wood. Pruning to shape the trees and improve structure should not be practiced until olive knot is eliminated. After controlling olive knot, pruning may be directed toward improved tree structure and form.

## MODEL AIRPLANE MEET SUNDAY AT BARTLETT

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23 — The Thunderbugs, of Santa Ana, will be in Porterville, Sunday, to present a model airplane show that will feature stunt flying, combat and rat racing.

The meet is scheduled for 12 noon, on the Bartlett school grounds. The public is invited to attend; there is no admission charge.

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By John

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The Western Campsite book is especially good because it tells you places to camp out after you've driven past all the motels while looking for a better one. It also tells you what type of fish it is you're not catching and what kind of deer abound there when you're gone—Things you wouldn't ordinarily know.

The Portable Garden book claims it adds "mobility" to your garden. It might also add mystery — Like the missing garden tools; you may misplace your whole mobile garden. Neighbors might even borrow it and never return it. You can't tell.

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Witness our hands this 13th day of March, 1959.

s/ ALBERT F. ZEDDIES  
s/ LEON D. ZEDDIES

State of California  
County of Tulare

On March 13, 1959, before the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Albert F. Zeddies and Leon D. Zeddies known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same.

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## Bertha Blancett

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Pendleton, Oregon, perform at an Indian Day celebration.

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For this Indian Day celebration in Yosemite, Bertha took two "green" horses and in one week broke them, and rode them in an exhibition Roman Ride.

And it was while she was escorting United States Senator William G. McAdoo through Yosemite valley that he said to her, "You are the best horsewoman I've ever seen — and I've seen a lot."

Bertha was hot news copy wherever she went for more than 40

years — her scrapbooks attest to this — books carrying old newspaper clippings and photographs that not only tell her story, but the story of cowboy champions over a period of nearly a half century.

"I never talk", Bertha tells reporters now; actually she doesn't have to talk, for her history is officially recorded in the annals of the rodeo, and in the newspapers of the nation.

Now, Bertha's interest centers around her activities as a member of the Porterville Emblem club, and she is a western TV movie fan for sure.

But when she leads the Porterville Roundup parade on May 2, shadows of a great past will be riding with her, and spectators will see the greatest woman rider and rodeo performer of her time — more than that, perhaps the greatest woman rider of all time.

## Momentum

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with their organization members.

Commercial exhibit space is approaching the "all sold out" point, with Exhibits Superintendent Ernie Cassidy reporting that only seven spaces remain unsold. Any persons desiring exhibit space, or program advertising, can contact Cassidy at SU 4-1249.

General entertainment program for the fair will include an Arabian horse show May 21, and a Quarter Horse show May 22; a pet parade for elementary-age children the opening evening of the fair; a competitive junior horse show the morning of May 23; a Junior Fat Stock sale and the nightly professional show that will be presented in front of the grandstand.

Committee chairmen for the 1959 Fair include: A. K. Hodgson, general chairman; Bill Rodgers, publicity and entertainment; Rolla Bishop, secretary-treasurer and sales manager; Frank Smalley, cashier; Earl W. Reed, auditor; Bob Board, concessions; Merv Brown, farm implements and autos; Ray Hale, agriculture and farm mechanics; Mrs. Betty Noble, home economics.

Dr. Charles S. Crane, official veterinarian; Bill Joos, pet parade; Roscoe Honeycutt, cotton dress review; Bob Bennett, public relations; and Ernie Cassidy, commercial exhibits.

In the livestock division: F. R. Farnsworth, superintendent; Cyrille Faure, beef cattle; Chester Gilbert, dairy cattle; Bill Reece, swine and sheep; Lloyd Rider, poultry and rabbits.

## Goodin Trophy

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tion and by Pacific Quarter Horse association.

In addition to halter classes, the show this year will include one performance class, a barrel race.

Col. Ray Holloway will announce the show; Perry Cotton will represent the American Quarter Horse association; Bob Lard, of Visalia, is finance chairman.

Acting as show secretary is Mrs. Bill Beaver, Rt. 3, Box 324, Porterville; all interested persons can get full details concerning the show from her.

Judge announced for the show is John Tillery, of Newhall, approved by the American Quarter Horse association.

## Science Fair Displays Open To Public At Porterville College On Friday; One Hundred Exhibits From Valley

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 23—More than \$500 in prizes will be awarded to Tulare and Kings county high school students who will compete in the Science Fair to be held Thursday and Friday on the Porterville College campus.

The fair is under the auspices of the Central Valley Science Teachers association and the prize money has been donated by the central section, California Association of Secondary School Administrators, and by local business firms and organizations. Bonds and cash totalling \$25 for first prize, \$12.50 for second, and \$5 for third, will be offered in each of three categories of the four divisions of the show.

Nearly 100 exhibits, many of them winners in local high school shows, will be moved onto the campus Wednesday afternoon, and judging will be completed on Thursday morning by a team of educators, professional and business men.

The displays will be open to the general public from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Thursday, and from 8

a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday. Projects in both life and physical science will be featured.

Don O. Howard, dean of instruction at the college, is chairman of the arrangements committee, and has been assisted by Burl Cuffman, Donald Zuckswert, Dr. William Kusserow, Terry Terezi, William Davies and John Stover of the college's science, mathematics and engineering faculty.

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